

RECEIPTS FOR THREE MONTHS, ENDING DECEMBER 31st

	Churches	Sunday Schools	Women's Societies	Other Soc's	Y. P. S. C. E.	TOTAL	Individuals	Joint Camp'gn Com.	TOTAL
1909-10.....	\$23,668.75	\$1,797.26	\$5,061.01	\$35.50	\$446.01	\$31,003.53	\$12,916.99	.....	\$43,920.52
1910-11.....	35,297.40	2,197.77	6,219.46	116.50	531.72	44,362.85	11,741.64	\$1,475.00	57,579.49
Increase.....	11,638.65	400.51	1,158.45	81.00	85.71	13,359.32	.....	1,475.00	13,658.97
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,175.35	.....	.....

FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH the sum of _____ dollars to the 'American Missionary Association,' incorporated by act of the Legislature of the State of New York." The will should be attested by three witnesses.

CONDITIONAL GIFTS.

Anticipated bequests are received on the Conditional Gift plan; the Association agreeing to pay an annual sum in semi-annual payments during the life of the donor or other designated person. For information, write H. W. Hubbard, Treasurer.


Lincoln
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

THOSE of us who saw and heard Abraham Lincoln in his famous address in Cooper Institute fifty-one years ago will never lose the impression of that hour. As he stepped forth with his first utterance "all eyes were fastened upon him"—for public interest and public feeling were rapidly becoming intense. Of unusual stature, 6 feet 4 inches, of spare but muscular build, with his broad, high forehead, prominent cheek bones, grey, deep-set eyes and wavy black hair, he was at once a commanding figure. In manner simple, free from awkwardness, free from self-consciousness, dignified, direct, his words came like the blows of a hammer on the anvil. They rang like that, too. In speech plain, terse, forcible and supremely earnest, his sincerity carried with it both sympathy and conviction.

His mental qualities have been characterized as a quick analytical perception, strong logical power, a tenacious memory and a ready intuition of human nature. Perhaps his most valuable faculty was rare ability to divest himself of all feeling or passion in weighing motives of persons, or problems of state. Yielding and accommodating in non-essentials, he was inflexibly

firm in a principle. "Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty." Great words these. Greatest in the lives and conscience of men. As we remember his natal day with grateful honor we are sure that as time goes on his fame will forever grow.

"History must accord him the rarest sagacity in guiding a great people through the perils of a mighty revolution, an admirable singleness of aim, a skillful discernment, and courageous seizure of the golden moment to free his nation from the incubus of slavery, faithful adherence to law, and conscientious moderation in the use of power, a shining personal example of honesty and purity, and finally the possession of that subtle and indefinable magnetism by which he subordinated and directed dangerously disturbed and perverted moral and political forces to the restoration of peace and constitutional authority, and the gift of liberty to four millions of human beings. Architect of his own fortune, rising with every opportunity, mastering every emergency, fulfilling every duty, he not only proved himself pre-eminently the man for the hour, but the signal benefactor of posterity. As statesman, ruler and liberator civilization will hold his name in perpetual honor."

I.

Some spirits are built to take the shocks of
the world,
To interpose against blind currents of fate
Or wrath, or ignorant purpose, a fixt will;
Against the bursting storm a front of calm;
As, when the Atlantic rages, some stern
cliff
Hurls back the tempest and the ponderous
wave.
So stood he firm when lesser wills were
broken;
So he endured when others failed and fell;
Bearing, in silent suffering, the stress,
The blame, the burden of the fateful day.

II.

So single and so simple was his mind,
So unperturbed by learned subtleties,
And so devout of justice and the right—
His thought, his act, held something of the
prime:

The wide, sure vision of the ancient day
Prophetic; even a touch of nature's force—
Large, elemental, healing; builded well
On the deep bases of humanity.

III.

O strong oak riven! O tower of defence
Fallen! O captain of the hosts struck
down!
O cries of lamentation—turning swift
To sounds of triumph and great victories.
For into the hands of one of humble soul
Great trust was laid, and he that trust ful-
filled.
So he who died accomplished mighty deeds,
And he who fought has won the infinite
peace,
And sleeps enshrined in his own people's
hearts,
And in the praise of nations and the world,
And rests immortal among the immortal
Great.

RICHARD WATSON GILDER.



THE UNFINISHED WORK

WE ask our readers to think over the full significance of Lincoln's oration at Gettysburg—to recall the spirit of consecration and devotion which breathes through it and to ask themselves if the words of this classic of American literature has not an urgent voice for us in the present.

"It is for us, the living, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which

they, who fought here, have so far so nobly advanced.

"It is for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the full measure of devotion."

The Unfinished Work. Four millions of slaves were emancipated on the 1st day of January, 1863. There are ten millions on the 1st day of